

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A system for performing a test on a formation intersected by a wellbore, the system comprising:

~~a formation testing apparatus including at least one waste chamber, and at least one packer configured for isolating the formation when set in the wellbore,~~

~~the waste chamber being opened in response to pressure in an annulus formed between the apparatus and the wellbore after the packer is set~~

a formation testing apparatus including at least one waste chamber, and at least two packers configured for isolating the formation when set in the wellbore, the at least two packers forming therebetween an annulus extending between the apparatus and the wellbore after the at least two packers are set,

the waste chamber being opened in response to pressure in the annulus.

29. (Original) The system according to Claim 28, wherein the waste chamber receives therein wellbore fluid from the annulus when the waste chamber is opened.

30. (Original) The system according to Claim 28, wherein there are multiple waste chambers, and wherein there are multiple formations intersected by the wellbore, and further comprising a module of the apparatus which opens each of the waste chambers in sequence prior to a corresponding one of the formations being tested.

31. (New) A system for performing a test on a formation intersected by a wellbore, the system comprising:

a formation testing apparatus including at least one waste chamber, at least one packer configured for isolating the formation when set in the wellbore, and a tubular string disposed above the packer,

the waste chamber being opened in response to pressure in an annulus formed between the apparatus and the wellbore after the packer is set, the waste chamber receiving fluid therein after the fluid initially flows into the tubular string at a location thereon disposed above the packer.

32. (New) The system according to Claim 31, wherein the waste chamber receives therein wellbore fluid from the annulus when the waste chamber is opened.

33. (New) The system according to Claim 31, wherein there are multiple waste chambers, and wherein there are multiple formations intersected by the wellbore, and further comprising a module of the apparatus which opens each of the waste chambers in sequence prior to a corresponding one of the formations being tested.